

Each life is so precious
in Our Heavenly Father's view.
It matters not if young or
old, or what we choose to do.
Tenderly He gathers us when
life on earth is o'er
To serve as Holy Angels
in His own heavenly choir.
And though our time on
earth be long or just a few
short white days
We all will have our
heavenly voice to sing
our Savior's praise.

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In Memory Of
Eunice L. Breland
December 16, 1929
August 5, 2026

Eunice L. Breland, 96, of Miller, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at the Miller Good Samaritan Society.

Eunice L. Runestad was born to H.R. and Emma (Seal) Runestad at Mt. Vernon, S.D., on December 16, 1929. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Trinity Lutheran, Letcher, S.D. Eunice attended Davison County schools, Mt. Vernon High School, and Notre Dame Junior Academy in Mitchell, S.D., to receive her teaching certificate; she called herself a "7 week wonder." She taught for several years in Davison County schools.

On June 22, 1952, she married Irvin O. Breland at Trinity Lutheran of rural Letcher, S.D. They farmed her father's land for 10 years before purchasing the Storla Store, which they owned and operated for several years.

In 1975, they moved to Miller, S.D., where Eunice was employed at The Good Samaritan Home, the Fairway grocery store, and was a bookkeeper at Hand County Memorial Hospital until she retired in 1991.

Eunice was active in the Lutheran church and belonged to Trinity Lutheran in Miller at the time of her death. She was well known for her quick wit and always called herself a "crabby Norwegian." She had a lifelong love of chocolate.

She is survived by her four sons and three daughters: Jack (Tracey) of Harrisburg; Steve of Byron, MN; Sherril (Paul) Koeck, Miller; Linda (Royce) Blackburn, Miller; Sandra (Brent) Taylor, Brandon; John (Lori), Miller; and Thomas (Renee) of Cannon Falls, MN.

Grandchildren include Anne (Tom) Webbles, Joshua Koeck, Jesse Koeck, Teresa (Jason) Gilk, Jaime (Mason) Russell, Laura (Bret) Beilke, Lucas (Kate) Blackburn, Ryan (Kristi) Lewellen, Joseph Lewellen, Morgan (Kyle) Taylor, Cody Breland, Cory (Shae) Breland, Emma (Colby Werdel) Breland, Emily Breland, Jason Breland, Suzanne (Robert) Carroll, Michael (Ashley) Hanson, and Elizabeth (Kenneth) Hanson-Bush; along with 19 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Marilyn (James) Berry; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers and their wives, Harlan (Ora) Runestad and Merle (Velma) Runestad; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bob and Annabelle Swanson.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the dedicated employees at Good Samaritan Society for the compassionate care they gave Eunice.

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 8, 2026
Trinity Lutheran Church
Miller, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Rev. Rhonda Wellsandt-Zell

PALLBEARERS

Ryan Lewellen - Joseph Lewellen
Joshua Koeck - Jesse Koeck
Lucas Blackburn - Cody Breland
Cory Breland - Jason Breland - Michael Hanson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Teresa Gilk - Jaime Russell
Laura Blackburn - Anne Webbles - Morgan Taylor
Emma Breland - Emily Breland
Suzanne Carroll - Elizabeth Hanson-Bush

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16 - Hunter Russell
Psalm 90: 1-2 - Jaime Russell
Romans 8: 28-39 - Ethan Gilk

EULOGY

Sheri Koeck

VOCALIST

Suzi Keck
"Borning Cry"

"Go My Children With My Blessing"

GRANDCHILDREN & GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

"Jesus Loves Me"

PIANIST

Ruth Waller

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

BURIAL

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
rural Letcher, South Dakota

*The family warmly invites you to join them
following the service for lunch
and continued fellowship at the church.*